

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0018] Axle beam 44 supports frame 20 on ground engaging wheels (not shown) disposed proximate either end of beam 44. Beam 44 may be made from conventional metals and metal alloys such as steel and may be forged or fabricated. In the illustrated embodiment, beam 44 is substantially circular. It should be understood, however, that beam 44 could comprise a conventional I-beam and that the size and shape of beam 44 may generally vary. Beam 44 may also be solid or tubular. Beam 44 extends transverse to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and to rails 26, 28. Each longitudinal end of beam 44 defines a bore 51, 53 that extends generally vertically and substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of beam 44. Each bore is configured to receive a corresponding kingpin 46, 48. In the illustrated embodiment, beam includes a pair of mounting brackets 52, 54 coupled to beam 44 to support components of suspension 42 as described in greater detail hereinbelow.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0020] Knuckles 50 are conventional in the art and are provided for mounting one or more wheels (not shown) of the vehicle and for connecting assembly 22 to a vehicle steering assembly. Knuckles 50 may be made from conventional metals such as aluminum and metal alloys such as steel and may be forged or fabricated. Each knuckle 50 may include a body that defines one or more coaxial bores sized to receive a corresponding kingpin 46, 48 and bearings or a bushing (not shown) surrounding the kingpin 46, 48 to allow the knuckles 50 to rotate relative to the kingpins 46, 48. Each knuckle 50 may include a tie rod arm 60 for connection to a tie rod 62 and one knuckle 50 may further include a steering arm as is conventional in the art for connection to the vehicle steering assembly. Each knuckle 50 may

also include a brake mounting plate ~~64~~ 63 and a spindle ~~66~~ 65  
(which may be integral with the knuckle body or coupled thereto)  
on which wheel bearings (not shown) and one or more wheels (not  
shown) are mounted.